Taro-kun wa Kou miete igai to xxx desu.

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KISUSHITE ICHIGO WA AMAKUNARU

At that time, I did not know
that there are many types of "love".
I also love my friends
Ryuu-chan, as well..
I love my mama and papa
OKAY, PAPA AND MAMA ARE GOING TO WORK NOW.
OKAY, HAVE A GOOD DAY!
OH, YOU SHOULD GO WAKE RYUUJI UP NOW.
We're counting on you!
YUP, I KNOW.
SFX STEP SX

SFX: RUSTLE
RYUU-CHAN, WAKE UP!!
IT'S MORNING!
SFX: TWITCH
NN...
HN...
I love him just as much.

He's my cousin, though he's more like a brother to me.
MORNING —?
YUP! BREAK-FAST IS READY, TOO
grab
Hmm?
FROM MOM AND DAD —?
IT SEEMS THEY'RE AS BUSY AS EVER.
OH
A LETTER FROM AUNTIE AND UNCLE CAME FROM AMERICA.
They asked how you're doing.

SFX POOF
WOAH..!
WAI-...
ZZZZ
ba-thump
HEY, WAI-... ARE YOU STILL ASLEE-...?
Geez
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYUU-CHAN...?
Yes.. At that time..
SFX FULL

SFX: KISS
I never would have guessed
that something like this would happen
Huh..!?
HMM?
HUH..? ICHIGO?
eyes open
Whaaat!?!
SFX: PUSH

MY BAD
I WAS STILL HALF ASLEEP
Ah, I'm sleepy
Half asleep...?
Ryu-
Ryuu-chan!?!
ANY-WAY,
WHAT'S FOR BREAKFAST TODAY?
So, we're just forgetting that happened!?!
...
I'M LEAV-ING
HUH?
WHAT?
SFX WHISPER

WAIT, ICHIGO ... I'M SORRY ...
Um...
Has he... reflected on what he did..?
AH ...
I'M GOING TO GO TO SCHOOL!!
...
WHAT ABOUT MY LUNCH?
You haven't given it to me yet
THERE'S NONE FOR YOU TODAY!!
HUH? ICHIGO
HOW COME YOU HAVE TWO LUNCH BOXES?

I FELT LIKE EATING A LOT TODAY...
HMM...?
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH THAT RYUUJI-SENPAI YOU GET ALONG SO WELL WITH?
That's his isn't it?
We...
WE DON'T GET ALONG WELL!
ANYWAY, HE'S UNPREDICTABLE AND DOES THINGS IN HIS OWN WAY...
Plus, he goes around stealing kisses from people...
The nerve!!
Without his food, I hope he spends his lunch time in misery!
smirk
HUH? ISN'T THAT RYUUJI-SENPAI IN THE COURTYARD?
Speaking of the devil
HUH?!
Really?
IS HE SULKING BECAUSE HE HAS NO LUNCH?

SFX: BAM
EHHH!?
I'll give you mine!
NOT REALLY
MORE LIKE... POPULAR?
SENPAI IS WELL-LIKED, AFTER ALL
YOU'RE KINDA LIKE HIS INSECT REPELLANT...
Something like that?
Me? An insect repellant?
Heavy Duty Insect Repellant Spray
The stolen lunchbox plan has failed..
What the heck...?
It seems like he's better off without me.
I kind of...
don't like that..

SFX PEEK
SFX SIGH
ICHIGO?
はぁっ
sizzle..
I wonder why I feel like this...?
YES I JUST GOT BACK NOW
ANY-WAY—
WOAH!
RYUU-CHAN, YOU SURPRISED ME! YOU'RE HOME?!
YOU SEEM DOWN. ARE YOU OKAY?
HMM..?

He noticed ...
How sly..
Ryuu-chan has always been like this, though..
I'M FINE ...
REALLY ?
BUT THIS MORNING YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME MY LUNCH...
ARE YOU... MAD?
I WAS
BUT
YOU SEEMED PERFECTLY HAPPY TO GET FOOD FROM THOSE OTHER GIRLS...
HUH?
I DIDN'T TAKE ANY OF THEIR FOOD, THOUGH
Why does that matter anyways?
HUH?! WHY ?!
Eh?
WELL BECAUSE I COULDN'T RECIPROCATE THEIR FEELINGS SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MEAN
BESIDES

I LOVE YOUR COOKING THE MOST.
Ever since we were young,
he's been moody
and just does whatever he wants...
HUH? YOU'RE MAD?
I don't get why though.
BECAUSE YOU WON'T PLAY WITH ME!!
But...
Notice me!!
Childhood

But...
RYUU-CHAN, I'M SORRY!
IT DIDN'T TURN OUT RIGHT...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IT'S GOOD!
IT'S AMAZING, CONSIDERING THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME MAKING IT!
In the end,
he always cheers me up...
THANK YOU...

Huh..?
WELL ...
As usual, he's dense, so he doesn't get it..
SO... WHY WERE YOU ANGRY THIS MORNING?
NEVER-MIND
EH? FOR WHAT?
Because he kissed me, but then acted like nothing happened?
But, why was I mad? Because he kissed me and didn't apologize?
Hmm, or..
Hmm..?
Now that I think about it again...
?

Isn't it because I don't like that he isn't conscious of me...?
As if I
But, then, that's just like...
like Ryuu-chan...

*T/N: HER NAME, ICHIGO, MEANS 'STRAWBERRY' IN JAPANESE.

Why did he have to say that just now?
THEY'RE RED
lick
AND DELICIOUS
SFX BA-THUMP

ICHIGO?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'm going to misunderstand...
and think he said that about me...
What do I do...?
...

ba-thump
Is he doing this on purpose...?
ICHIGO, YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED, TOO.
I feel weird.
I don't know what to do.
ba-thump
ba-thump
SFX FLINCH
YOU LOOK DELICIOUS
RYUU-CHAN, YOU IDIOT!
Haha!
OH, COME ON WHY ARE YOU GETTING MAD?
...!?
カアアア
BE-CAUSE
SFX BLUUUSH
パク
JUUUST KIDDING!
SFX POF'S IN

I feel like he knows what I was going to say, so he's egging me on. Or am I imagining things ...?

He bullies me and then he's nice to me.

Just how does he see me?

I don't get him

I wonder if it's okay to think that he thinks I'm a little bit special?
I don't know, but
I'll go set the table.
WELL, THEN, SHALL WE EAT?
O-OKAY
This is good!
Don't use your hands!
That our relationship and the times we've spent together are special to him..
As a little sister? Or as family?
Or does he see me as a girl?

It'd be nice
if it would be like this forever.
SFX: SIGH
はあ
Studying Abroad at an American University
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SFX: RUSTLE SX

SFX FOR'S OUT
RYUU-CHAN! ☆
ピョコ
!?
SFX SMACK
WAHH!
ゴロ
OW!
sits up
IT'S NOT THAT ...
hides
Ouch
HEY... WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED ...?
Geez
WERE YOU READING SOMETHING PERVERTED?
THEN, WHAT IS THAT?
Let me see!
!
A pamphlet for a foreign university..?
Studying Abroad at an American University

SFX: RUSTLE
HUH ...?
RYUU-CHAN...
YOU'RE GOING TO AMERICA...?
DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU EVERY-THING?
ISN'T THAT JUST WEIRD?
YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT...?
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...
WHY ...?
YEAH
MY PARENTS SAID IT'S A GOOD CHANCE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER

He's right.
THIS IS MY OWN BUSINESS
But
I'M HEADING BACK NOW.
it feels like he's suddenly pushing me aside...
that I was special to him...
I wonder... why I ever thought
...

I just made myself feel miserable that way
ICHIGO ?
All of those things also mean nothing
WHY DID IT BECOME LIKE THIS...?
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM SOON...
I was the one who became conscious of him and expected something. And, now, I'm just feeling depressed all by myself.
Laughing, talking, spending our days together like before..
Yeah... It's nothing
IF YOU SAY SO
YOU SURE?
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN VERY CHEERFUL LATELY IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SPENDING ANY TIME TOGETHER WITH RYUUJI-SENPAI EITHER.
MM

SFX SURPRISE
!?!
slam
ICHIGO !?
HUH?! WHAT?!
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE ?!
YOU HAVE TO HURRY TO THE AIR-PORT OR YOU WON'T MAKE IT!
THE AIR-PORT ?
Why ?
THE FLIGHT TO AMERICA IS AT 12, ISN'T IT?
RYUUJI IS ALREADY AT THE AIR-PORT!
Huh..?!
What..
Ryuu-chan is already leaving..?!
Is this what love is?
The more I think about it, the less sense I can make of it..
GOOD MORNING, MAMA, PAPA

ICHI-GO...?
I'M SORRY, RYUU-CHAN.
I KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO TELL YOU NOT TO LEAVE;
JUST THAT, I'LL BE SAD IF YOU DO...
BUT, I...
I fell in love.
RYUU-CHAN...!
dash
Because..
SFX CLOSE
I'm such an idiot. It had to come to this for me to realize...
EXCUSE ME... THE AIRPORT, PLEASE ..
It's all because I'm such a coward; that's why nothing happened ...
Ryuu-chan.
take a step forward
I have to
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